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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) supplements the IDS filed June 10, 2002. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents with English language abstracts for each are attached. Computer-generated English language translations are also attached for documents 2000-99544 and 11-265395. Additionally, a Search Report issued from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart application citing the listed documents and

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setting forth the relevance thereof is also enclosed, along with an English translation of the Search Report. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that the documents were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 Form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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